

**Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability
Status Report on Specific Projects In Progress as of 6-14-13**

Topic	Status	Highlights
Maine State Housing: Weatherization and LIHEAP Programs	Fieldwork and Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GOC approved the scope questions for this review at its September 20, 2012 meeting. OPEGA is finishing up fieldwork on this project and beginning to draft the report. We appreciate the cooperation received from MaineHousing and the Community Action Agencies that implement these programs. All of the CAA's responded in a timely and complete manner to the subpoena issued by the GOC at OPEGA's request to allow the CAA's to provide us with certain confidential data we had requested. OPEGA currently plans to have a final report ready for release in July 2013.
Public Utilities Commission	Fieldwork and Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GOC approved the scope questions for this review at its November 15, 2012 meeting. OPEGA is finishing up fieldwork on this project and beginning to draft the report. We appreciate the cooperation received from the Public Utilities Commission. OPEGA currently plans to have a final report ready for release in July 2013.
Office of Information Technology: Formal Follow-Up Review	Fieldwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GOC approved the scope questions for this review at its November 15, 2012 meeting. This is the first formal follow-up review OPEGA has conducted and the approach is different than that of a regular review. The OPEGA work plan for this review spans out over the next two years as OIT develops and implements improvement goals and action plans in the three areas targeted for follow up. Since this is a follow-up review that is spanning two years, OPEGA plans to informally report to the GOC at six month intervals on both OPEGA's review status and the status of the OIT efforts we are monitoring. OIT has submitted improvement goals and action plans for all three areas and OPEGA is in process of seeking additional detail and clarification on those. OPEGA issued a Request for Proposals seeking a firm with information technology experience in the government sector to provide technical expertise for OPEGA's assessment of OIT's goals and action plans. We are currently reviewing the proposals received.
Healthy Maine Partnership FY13 Contracts and Funding	Fieldwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GOC approved the scope questions for this review at its meeting on May 10, 2013. OPEGA is in progress with fieldwork on this review and appreciates the cooperation received from the Department of Health and Human Services. We currently anticipate having a final report ready for release in August 2013.

Special Project: Technical Assistance on Education Committee Study of School Funding Formula	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEGA is providing technical assistance as per Resolve 2011, chapter 166 for an independent review of the Essential Programs and Services Act, and working closely with the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis. • The review is currently underway. OPEGA's on-going role is to monitor the consultant's progress and deliverables and ensure the study is completed in accordance with the Resolve. • The Phase I report was submitted to the Education Committee on schedule on April 1st and the Phase II report is due by December 1, 2013. Consequently, OPEGA expects to continue providing assistance as necessary throughout that timeframe.
Special Project: Tax Expenditure Programs	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GOC assigned OPEGA this special project at its meeting on May 10, 2013. • OPEGA is just beginning the analysis and categorization of the tax expenditure programs currently listed in the annual report of tax expenditures produced by Maine Revenue Services. • We expect to draw on resources and expertise at the Pew Center for the States in completing this project. • OPEGA expects it may be early fall before the categorization phase is complete. We are currently planning mid to late fall for completion of the entire project.